

aggregate

aggregate (ag'-gre-gate). (a) A mass or body of rock particles, mineral grains, or a mixture of both. (b) Any of several hard, inert materials, such as sand, gravel, slag, or crushed stone, used for mixing with a cementing or bituminous material to form concrete, mortar, or plaster; or used alone, as in railroad ballast or graded fill. The term sometimes includes rock material used as chemical or metallurgical fluxstone, or filtration medium. See also: *coarse aggregate*; *fine aggregate*; *lightweight aggregate*.

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